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Hongkong, 16th January, 1897. [22]

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THE famous Malt Tonic and Drink
Try it once and you will order it

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F. BISHOP,
Acting Manager,
Hongkong, 13th November, 1896.

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—ON—
JUST LANDED.
A LARGE AND ENTIRELY NEW STOCK

BOOTS AND SHOES
FOR
LADIES' AND GENTLEMEN

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BOYS AND GIRLS.
SUPERIOR QUALITY.

Sole Agents for China for this Low Prices.
Hongkong, 16th January, 1897. [18]

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ON the 15th JANUARY for the transaction of business as heretofore under
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MANAGEMENT.
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is the product of a high class English Brew. Bottled in Shanghai.

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Per cask of 4 doz. Quarts... \$13, per doz. \$3.25.

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Hongkong, 10th January, 1867.

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HAVE NOW A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF ATKINSON'S PERFUMES AND ARE SOLE

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WHITE HEATHER BOUQUET.
Sole Agents for VINPASTEUR the great French Nerve Tonic.
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ELITE SKATING RINK, DUDELL STREET.

TO-MORROW
(SATURDAY), the 23rd January, 1897.
FAREWELL BENEFIT
TENDERED TO

SAM MARKS

BY THE PATRONS OF THE RINK.
On which occasion a host of attractions will be
presented by several Local Artists.

The WEST YORK'S BAND will be in atten-
dance.

Admission—\$1.00.

SAM MARKS,
Proprietor.

Hongkong, 22nd January, 1897.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"BRINDISI."

FROM BOMBAY AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named
vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are
being landed and placed at their risk in the
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each
consignment will be sorted out mark by mark
and delivery can be obtained as soon as the
Goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 28th instant, at 4
P.M. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in
any case whatever.

All damaged Packages must be left in the
Godowns and a certificate of the damage
obtained from the Godown Company within ten
days after the Vessel's arrival here after which
no Claims will be recognized.

H.A. RITCHIE,

Sole Agent.

Hongkong, 22nd January, 1897.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI, VIA SWATOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"TAM-SUI."

Captain Vaughan, will be despatched as above
on SUNDAY, the 24th instant, at 10 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd January, 1897.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).

THE Company's Steamship

"SUNGKIANG."

Captain C. B. N. Dodd, will be despatched as above
on TUESDAY, the 25th instant, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd January, 1897.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND

PORTS, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

THE Company's Steamship

"CHANGSHA."

Captain Williams, will be despatched on
MONDAY, the 24th instant, at 4 P.M.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the
Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer.
The First-class Saloon is situated forward of the
Engines. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the
Supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire
voyage.

A daily qualified Surgeon is carried and the
Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

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Hongkong, 22nd January, 1897.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"PORT ADELAIDE."

to sail about 5th February, 1897.

S.S. "ENERGIE," to sail about 22nd

February, 1897.

S.S. "STRATHLEVEN," to sail about 7th

March, 1897.

S.S. "MACDUFF," to sail about 22nd

March, 1897.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd January, 1897.

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HONGKONG.

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DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & Co's WATERS are
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qualified English Chemist and will bear com-
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Any complaints should be addressed to the
Manager.

Hongkong and New York.

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Letters on Editorial matters to be sent to "The Editor" and
not to individual members of the staff.
Communications intended for publication must be accompanied
by the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for
publication, but as a reference to the Editor.
Within the column of the Hongkong Telegraph will always
be open for the free discussion by correspondents of all questions
affecting the public interest. It must be distinctly understood that
the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for
opinions thus expressed.

Intimation.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,
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ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

ALL these are selected by our London House,
bought direct at first hand, imported in wood
and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all inter-
mediate profits, and enabling us to supply the
best goods at MODERATE PRICES.

PRICE LISTS, with Full Details, to be had on
Application.

PORT after removal should be rested a month
before use. When required for drinking at
once it should be ordered to be decanted at the
DISPENSARY before being sent out.

SHERRY.—Excellent Dinner and After Dinner
Wines of very superior Vintages. All are
true Xeres Wines.

CLARET.—Our Claret, including the lowest
Priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine
product of the juice of the grape and are not
artificially made from raisins and currants,
as is generally the case with Cheap Wines.

BRANDY.—All our Brandy is guaranteed to be
pure COGNAC, the difference in price being
merely a question of age and vintage.

WHISKEY.—All our Whiskey is of excellent
quality and of greater age than most brands
in the market. The SCOTCH WHISKEY
marked "E" is universally popular, and is
pronounced by the best local connoisseurs
to be superior to any other brand in the
Hongkong market.

We only guarantee our WINES and SPIRITS
to be genuine when bought direct from us in the
Colony or from our authorized Agents at the
Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong 15th September, 1896.

BIRTHS.

At 24, Kinkiang Road, Shanghai, on the 16th
instant, the wife of the Rev. JOHN R. HYKES,
American Bible Society, of a son.
At Tientsin, on the 17th instant, the wife
of CARL STEPHANUS, of a son.

DEATHS.

At No. 3, Malacca Terrace, Shanghai, on the
17th inst., OLO, the infant daughter of Mr. and
Mrs. R. W. FIDON, aged 2 weeks.
At the General Hospital, Shanghai, on the
18th instant, of typhoid fever, PETER TRAYNER,
aged 28 years, a native of Scotland.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 1897.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Odd Volumes promise well for the
season and for the future. The Association
has fallen into good hands in getting
Mr. POLLOCK as the Honorary Secretary.
He is an able and energetic young man
with very great capacity and possessed of
sound common sense. He has made a
success of the Chess Club, which was
languishing before he took it in hand.
He makes an admirable successor to Mr.
MITCHELL in the Navy League, and while
he has the management of the Odd
Volumes it is in no danger of sudden death
or premature decay.

The programme for the season is an
attractive one, and we have only one
criticism. There are to be no debates. Of
course, the latter are not, as a rule, as
popular and attractive as the lectures, but
they might easily be made so. Each
lecture might be followed in the succeeding
week by a debate on the subject-
matter of the lecture, two or three members
volunteering to discuss the question, what-
ever it might be, on each side of it. They
would have time for study and preparation
and the discussion under such circumstances
might be as instructive, and even more
useful than the reading of the original
paper. Many subjects would hardly
lend themselves to debate, but others
would. Or, again, Mr. SHARP, say, might
print his lecture on "Money," or a synopsis
of it, and circulate it to members a week
before the date fixed for his lecture and
a discussion might follow at once at the
close.

We have to congratulate the members of
the Odd Volumes on the immense success
of the first meeting of the present session.
Nothing could have been in better form
than the lecture on Dickens and his works.
It was admirably delivered and most
thoroughly appreciated and enjoyed. It
embodied a short but sufficient sketch of
Dickens and of his life and of his works,
carefully prepared, and most felicitously
worded. The selections from his various
works were those best suited to illustrate
and display all the qualities of the man
and of the author; his wit, his humour, his
many-sided sympathies, with all that was
good and pure and true in the lower walks
of life, and his keen sense of the falsehood
and rottenness of much that exists and
flourishes in our modern civilization. We

have only two remarks to make; not by
the way of dissent from the lecturer,
whose knowledge of Dickens and his
works entitles his opinion to all respect,
but simply by way of protest to preserve
our right to entertain an opinion of our
own. We do not agree with Sir WILLIAM
ROBINSON in his estimate of the value of
"Great Expectations." We were disap-
pointed in it and rate it as the least
successful of all the great novelist's works.
We have a much higher opinion of the
"Tale of Two Cities" than found place
in the lecture on Wednesday. We rank
it among the very best of the works of
CHARLES DICKENS. After such a commence-
ment the other lectures on the list will
have to mind their P's and Q's if they
desire to render the lectures of the season
all worthy of the opening meeting.

TELEGRAMS. REUTER'S MESSAGES.

THE TSAR.

LONDON, January 20th.
The reported illness of the Tsar is de-
clared.

THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

The House of Lords has voted the Address.
Lord Salisbury, speaking upon it, said he was
convinced that the essential reforms were
adopted the day of Turkey could not long be
delayed. He was in the Arbitration Treaty
between Great Britain and the United States, he
said that it would not prevent war, but would
diminish the risks of it.

THE BENIN EXPEDITION.

Major Rawns will command the Benin
Expedition.

ANOTHER REVOLT IN AFRICA.

Trouble has arisen in Griqualand.

(Spec's Daily Press)

THE CAREW CASE.

A LETTER ADMITTED BY THE
PRISONER.

SHANGHAI, January 21st.

In the Carew case at Yokohama to-day, a
letter to the Minister, Sir E. M. Satow, signed
"A. L. Price" was read and the defence admitted
that the prisoner was the writer. The case for
the Crown is closed. The defence opens on
Saturday.

(Special to N. C. Daily News.)

MISS JACOBS.

Kobe, Jan'y 17th.

The trial of Miss Carew was continued on
Friday and adjourned to to-morrow morning.
General sympathy is expressed in Yokohama
for Miss Carew and to enable her to employ a
lawyer \$1,100 was subscribed in a few hours.

SHANGHAI WOOSUNG RAILWAY.

The Mercury says Director-General Shang
will have a railway connecting Shanghai with
Woo-sung built from the China New Year.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

St. George's Ball at 9 p.m.

H.M.S. Rainbow is at Penang.

H.M.S. Porpoise left here for Canton this
morning.

The Firebrand left Foochow to-day bound for
Hongkong.

FRANCIS CHRISTIAN VICTOR has been promoted
to Major for his services with the Ashanti Expe-
dition.

SOME Chinese and Japanese merchants have
bought land near Messrs. Arnold, Karberg &
Co's oil tanks at Shanghai for the purpose of
erecting a soap factory.

It is rumored that the Porpoise was despatched
to Canton this morning owing to the disturbed
state of the city of Canton and the prospect of
a serious revolution in the province of Kwang-
tung.

PERSONS using chairs and sick-beds to go to
the City Hall this evening are requested to enter
from the East, or Barracks side, and to direct the
chair and sick-beds to withdraw towards the
West or Clock Tower side.

The Band of the West York Regiment will
play the following programme at the Cricket
match to-morrow—

1.—March, "Royal Warrant."
2.—"Residence of Officers."
3.—"March of the Band."
4.—"The Band."
5.—"The Band."
6.—"The Band."
7.—"The Band."
8.—"The Band."
9.—"The Band."
10.—"The Band."

JUDGE JORRIEUX, of Victoria, addressing Presi-
dent Kruger on New Year's Day, bitterly com-
plained of the overtones being made in
honour of what he had the ghostly impudence to
style "the 'em' highwayman, Cecil Rhodes," at
the Cape. The Judge said he was being fed
not only as the hero of to-day but of to-morrow,
and he expressed fears as to the future. Mr.
Kruger, of course, refrained from replying.

THE charm of riding on air with the modern
pneumatic tyre is very great, but like all things
mundane, it has one drawback; that is, the con-
stant possibility and the ever-present dread of
puncture. But ingeniously, ever alert to remedy
its own defects, has discovered a method of
obviating the danger of puncturing, by applying
the pneumatic principle to the frame instead of
the tyre. The invention of this application claims
that vibration and the continuous hammering
and jolting so distressing to riders, especially on
macadamised roads, are entirely done away with.
As the tyres of these new cycles may be made
of solid rubber or of suitable substance, these
machines may be used not only on ordinary
roads, but also where pneumatic tyres would be
useless, as in the colonies or in military purposes.
The machine, says Sir James's Budget, can also
be taken to pieces in three sections, and packed
in an ordinary portmanteau or basket, carried as
luggage, and put together in a few minutes.
This feature will be invaluable for shipping and
touring purposes. We are told that this machine
will be of the highest grade workmanship, though
placed on the market at popular prices. The
name of the new machine is Pneumatic Compen-
sated Cycle.

News was, according to the Mercury, received
at Shanghai on the 17th instant reporting the
death of Captain R. M. Andrews, of the China
Merchant S. N. Co., which occurred in East-
land on the 16th instant. Capt. Andrews was at
home superintending the construction of new
vessels for his employers.

At Wilhelmshaven, near Bremen, an Oldenburgh
captain has recently arrived who reports that on
his voyage home in the Atlantic Ocean a large
balloon had become entangled in his rigging,
endangering his vessel. The balloon, which
bore the inscription "Belgium," contained valu-
able instruments, but could not be recovered
owing to the bad state of the weather.

The St. James's Budget says:—It is worthy of
note, in connection with the celebration of the
tercentenary of the introduction of the potato,
that Sir Henry Blave, who purchased Myrtle
Grove, Youghal, the Irish residence of Sir Walter
Raleigh, from the late Sir John Pore Hennessy,
is now engaged in restoring and beautifying the
latter. A great quantity of the old oak wall-
scotings was found to have been either painted or
papered over, and this has been scraped off and
the old oak exposed to view. Sir Henry is also
making an effort to collect a number of relics
associated with Sir Walter, and has succeeded
in obtaining an old sea-chest, supposed to have
belonged to the first importer of tobacco and the
potato.

It is seldom such numbers of bicyclists are
seen together as in Hongkong as helped to
swell the crowd that attended yesterday's foot-
ball match at Happy Valley. The crush, as the
men poured out of the Valley after the match,
was more like that at the end of a Hongkong
Race-day than the average attendance at a foot-
ball match. Rickshaws were at a premium, and
those who were fortunate enough to obtain them
were obliged to proceed at a walking pace until
Arsenal Street was passed and the crowd had
thinned somewhat. "Tommy Atkins" is usually
predominant at a football match in Hongkong,
but yesterday the red tunics only showed up
here and there, like straggling papples in a field
of flowing lupines or gentians.

THERE was again a large attendance at the
Rink last night when another boxing compe-
tition took place. A number of middle weights
competed for a gold medal. The first pair were
True and Wovels in a 6-round contest, which
was very exciting. True was declared the winner.
The next couple were Northcott and Griffin.
Northcott being declared the winner. In the
last to between Clarke and Manser, Manser was
the winner. In the final Northcott and Manser
gave a very good display of boxing, Northcott
being adjudged the winner. On Saturday night
a Horatistal Bar Exhibition will take place, also
Sword Exercises and Boxing. This is the last
night of the season, being Sam Marks' benefit.
A good house should be the result for the sake
of the enterprising lessee.

A LIVERY affair occurred on the 8th inst., shortly
before 8 p.m. between a party of some fifty
Russian blue-jackets and the Japanese police,
assisted by some foreign sailors, in and around
the Cosmopolitan Hotel No. 126 Hommura Road,
Yokohama. The Russian sailors, who were for
the most part well armed with fire-arms, appear
to have started the trouble, and the police in-
terfered to restore order. The guardians of
the peace were in a considerable minority, how-
ever, and were overpowered by their stalwart
antagonists, and would doubtless have fared very
badly, says the Japan Herald, but for the inter-
position of two or three British or American
sailors, who made a demonstration in favour of
the police, and with their very efficient aid the
Russians were worsted and put to flight, with
the exception of a few who had received nasty
cuts or bruises, who were taken to the station to
have their wounds dressed. One of the Russians
is reported to have drawn a knife, but it does not
appear that he used it, the battle being principally
confined to fist-fights and police batons.

THE SPECIAL LIGHT DUES IMPOSITION.

APPEAL TO THE CHINA ASSOCIATION.

Pennsylvania and Oriental Steam
Navigation Company,

14th January, 1897.

Dear Sir,—On behalf of the agents and
representatives of companies and firms owing
passenger fares to and in the Far East, I beg to
hand you, herewith, for the information of the
Committee of the Hongkong Branch of the
China Association a copy of a petition, dated
24th December, 1896, praying His Excellency
the Governor not to carry the recommendation
of the majority of the Unofficial Members of
Council, that a tax of 2d cents for Light Dues
should be permanently levied on vessels calling
at this port, into effect. I also enclose a copy
of the letter received from the Colonial Secretary
acknowledging the receipt of the petition.

We have no doubt that we can rely on the
cordial support of the Association in furthering
the object we have in view.

Apart from other considerations, which amply
demonstrate the wisdom of the proposed
imposition of a tax on shipping,
the object of imposing a tax on shipping
for the purpose of raising money for
local revenue. If such a tax is levied
with this intention in an adjacent British Colony,
which has hitherto been a free port, it is obvious
that it must have a most prejudicial effect on
any representations which may be made to the
Government of China to bring the excessively
heavy Tonnage Dues imposed on vessels trading
with that country within reasonable limits, or
with a view to securing that the proceeds of
these dues should be strictly applied to the
purpose for which they are ostensibly levied,
which should include, for instance, the dredging
of the Woosung Bar.

I beg to request that you will forward copies
of this letter, with its attachments, to the
London and Shanghai branches of the Associa-
tion by the first opportunity.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Fellows Henderson, Esq., Hon. Secretary,
The China Association.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES AT QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

The annual distribution of prizes at Queen's
College took place at noon to-day in the large
hall of the College. There was a very large
gathering of pupils and their relatives and
friends. His Excellency the Governor attended
to make the awards and among other visitors
were Sir J. W. Carrington, Hon. J. H. Stewart
Lockhart, A. M. Thomson, F. H. May, W. M.
Goodman, and J. J. Bell-Iving, Col. Kvatt,
F.M.O., Surgeon-Major Johnston, Colonel Hunt
(American Consul), the Japanese Consul,
Messrs. Wright, Bellier, Lamont, and
other ladies. Messrs. A. S. H. L. Den-
ny, Rev. R. F. Cobbold, Rev. and Mrs. T.
W. Pearce, Messrs Geo. Percy, Grant-Smith and
Norton Kyrie, and the Head Master (Dr.
Geo. Wright) and members of the College staff.
The Headmaster read his annual report, which
was as follows:—

Queen's College,
10th January, 1897.

Your Excellency, and ladies and gentlemen,
I have the honour to forward the annual
report on Queen's College for the year 1896.
The total number on the roll was 938. In
1895 the attendance had to a great extent
recovered from the depletion of 1894; but in
1896 instead of a continuance of this improve-
ment, there was a relapse partly due to the
recurrence of bubonic plague. There was, how-
ever, no evidence of panic such as was manifest
in 1894; the absence of several boys being
attributable to the removal of families from the
colony to escape sanitary precautions, not from
fear of the plague itself, as was reported early in
the year to the Inspector of Schools by several
school managers. The admissions and
dismissions were in each quarter of the year quite
up to the average, which would be inconsistent
with the idea that Chinese had in 1896 the same
fear of Hongkong as a plague centre that they
had in 1894.

2.—The falling-off (\$1,000) in revenue from
fees is quite out of proportion to the diminution
in attendance referred to above, and is largely
attributable to the reduction of the second and
third classes by one half, through causes not
under my control. It will take two or three
years for the attendance in the Upper School
and the fees are likely to attain their former
figure. An economy of \$250 was effected by
closing two class-rooms and dispensing with the
services of a temporary assistant and two
monitors.

3.—On the recommendation of the Governing
Body, the section known as the Chinese School
(i.e. the classes in which Chinese boys were for 35
years taught to compose in their native language
and to read and understand their native
literature) was abolished. By the removal of
these two hours a week devoted to the study of
Chinese by the lower and preparatory schools,
the time for the study of English was increased
by one hour in each class. It was not possible
to increase the hours in the first class, where
with special classes 5½ hours a week were
already assigned to English, and where for eight
years the scholars had been exempted from
Chinese studies. It should not be forgotten that
this course was formally recommended by the
Inspector of Schools in 1887, and carried out
by him even earlier.

4.—To meet the difficulty of ignorance of their
native language on the part of Chinese boys the
Governing Body proposed an entrance examina-
tion in Chinese, and after a short experience the
manifest tendency to debar admissions altogether led
to the removal of this restriction.

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WATKINS & CO.
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Hongkong, 22nd January, 1897. 1166

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Hongkong, 22nd January, 1897. 1198

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FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.

THE Company's Steamship

"SUISANG,"
Captain T. R. Galwey, will be despatched as
above TO-MORROW, the 23rd instant, at
3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 20th January, 1897. 1168

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR HONGKONG.

THE Company's Steamship

"KWEIYANG,"
Captain Osterberg, will be despatched as above
TO-MORROW, the 23rd instant, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 21st January, 1897. 1170

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, TAIWANFOO
AND TAKAO.

THE Company's Steamship

"THALES,"
Captain Douglas, will be despatched for the
above Ports on SUNDAY, the 24th instant, at
Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAIR & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 21st January, 1897. 1169

THE OREGON RAILWAY AND
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S
PACIFIC STEAMSHIP
LINE.

CHINA AND JAPAN.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1897.
(Subject to Alteration.)

Monday, 23rd January, 1897.

TAKING PASSENGERS AND CARGO FOR UNITED
STATES AND CANADA AT THROUGH RATES.

THE Steamship

"MONMOUTHSHIRE,"
will be despatched hence for VICTORIA,
(B.C.), and PORTLAND, OREGON, via KOBE
and YOKOHAMA, on SATURDAY, the 13th
February.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States
Points should be in QUADRUPPLICATE; and one
Copy must be sent forward by the Steamer to
the care of the GENERAL FREIGHT AGENT,
Oregon Railway and Navigation Co., Portland,
Oregon.

For further information as to Passage and
Freight, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 21st January, 1897. 1175

SAILING VESSELS.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO

THE British Barque

"SUNBOW,"
Rehberg, Master, will load here for the above
Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 7th December, 1896. 1166

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO

THE 100 A. 7-ton 4-mast British Barque

"MATTERHORN,"
Captain J. Williams, will soon be ready to load
for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 28th November, 1896. 1140

FOR NEW YORK

THE 3/3 A. 1.1. American Barque

"PENOBSCOT,"
Captain Macleod, will load here for the above
Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
ARNOLD, KARRING & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 10th November, 1896. 1165

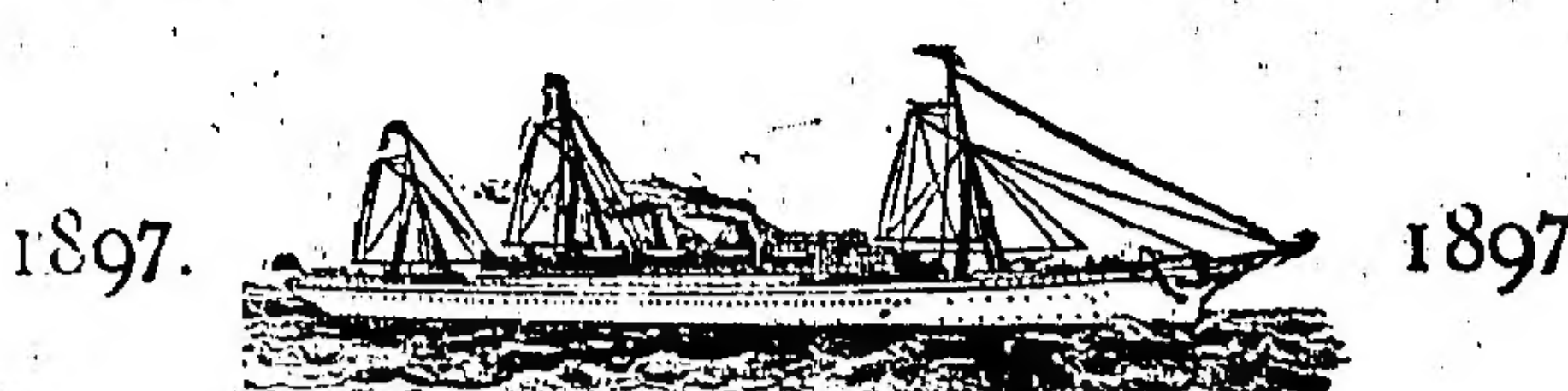
FOR NEW YORK

THE 3/3 A. 1.1. American Ship

"BENJAMIN SEWELL,"
Sewell, Master, shortly expected from Shanghai,
will load here and will be despatched by end of
February.

For Freight, apply to
CARLOWITZ & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1897. 1195

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

EMPRESS OF INDIA...Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 17th February.

EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. H. Pybus, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 17th March.

EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 7th April.

THE magnificent Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF
JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12
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THE DINING CARS AND MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by
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For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to

Hongkong, 20th January, 1897.

D. E. BROWN, General Agent,
Pedder's Street.

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ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING
STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND
HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

City (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama) ... Tuesday, 26th Jan., at Noon.

Peru (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama and Honolulu) ... Saturday, 13th Feb., at Noon.

City of Rio de Janeiro (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama and Honolulu) ... Tuesday, 2nd March, at Noon.

THE U.S. MAIL Steamship

"CHINA"

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND
SEA and YOKOHAMA, on TUESDAY, the
26th January, 1897, at Noon, taking Passengers
and Freight for Japan, the United States, and
Europe.

Steamers of this Line pass through the IN-
LAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu,
and passengers are allowed to break their
journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England,
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of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the
United States or Canada. Rates may be
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Railways, and from Chicago to destination the
choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be
had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to
Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military,
Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European
Officials in the service of China and Japan, and to
Government officials and their families.

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versa) within one year, will be allowed a dis-
count of 10 per cent. This allowance does not
apply to through fares for China and Japan
to Europe.

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to
address in full, and same will be received at
the Company's Office until 5 P.M. the day pre-
vious to sailing.

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tined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the
United States, should be sent to the Company's
Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs,
San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight of
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J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent
Hongkong, 16th January, 1897. 1192

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Hongkong, 16th March, 1897. 1199

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AMERICAN PORTS.)

THE Steamship

"ROSETTA,"
Captain F. N. Tiltard, carrying Her Majesty's
Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY,
&c., on THURSDAY, the 23rd January, at
Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above
Ports.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France,
and Tea for London (under arrangement) will
be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer
proceeding direct to Marseilles and London.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4
P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and
Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note
the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills
of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to
H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 14th January, 1897. 1195

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ,
PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA,
ANTWERP, BREMEN AND HAMBURG,
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PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT
SOUTHAMPTON
TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH
BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL
PLACES IN RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Prinz Heinrich ... Tuesday ... 2nd Feb.

Prinz Heinrich ... Tuesday ... 2nd March.

Sachsen ... Tuesday ... 30th March.

Bayer ... Tuesday ... 27th April.

Prinz Heinrich ... Tuesday ... 25th May.

ON TUESDAY, the 2nd day of February,
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"PRINZ HEINRICH," Captain Coppers, with
MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE and CARGO,
will leave this Port as above, calling at NAPLES
and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon on
SATURDAY, the 30th Jan. Cargo and Specie
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the 1st Feb. and on TUESDAY the 2nd Feb. at the
Agency's Office until Noon on MONDAY, the
1st Feb. Contents of Packages are required.
No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than
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Cubic in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation
and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.
Linen can be washed on board.

For further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & Co.,
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Hongkong, 9th January, 1897. 1160

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to the PACIFIC COAST and the INTERIOR and
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Excellent accommodation. First-class Table,
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The Railroad travelling is second to none on
the American Continent. Magnificent Scenery
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VILLAGE OF NATIONAL PARK route. Passen-
gers to EUROPE may proceed by one of the first
class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES.

HONGKONG TO PACOMA \$225.
Rates of Passage to other Ports on applica-
tion. Special rates allowed to members of Govern-
ment Services.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM
HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Braemar ... 1.601 Tuesday ... Feb. 9.

Tasman ... 1.560 Tuesday ... Mar. 2.

Victoria ... 1.167 Tuesday ... Mar. 29.

Olympia ... 1.608 Tuesday ... April 19.

Braemar ... 1.601 Tuesday ... May 4.

THE Steamship